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SUBJECT: Libya Weekly Update

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Below is a summary of the latest top headlines of the week surrounding the news in Libya. Key highlights include:

- Haftar's forces continue to launch airstrikes in Tripoli, resulting in the death of civilians. Seven children have died as a result of three attacks in the last month, and many more civilians have been injured.
- Libya's economy has suffered due to the ongoing crisis. The latest oil business venture, which involved BP, has been stalled due to the warring factions. There would be no civil war if Haftar had not launched an offensive on Tripoli, and undertaking a peace negotiation could result in improved economic opportunities for American companies in the region.
- Human Rights Watch has called for an independent investigation into the war crimes of General Haftar. The allege a display of complete disregard for civilian life in his attacks against civilians and civilian structures.

Libya Observer (10/23): [3 civilians killed, 8 injured in new airstrikes by Haftar's warplanes in Tripoli](#)

- More airstrikes launched by General Haftar's LNA have resulted in 3 deaths and 8 injuries to civilians in Tripoli.
- This latest attack was carried out by a UAE drone that was provided to Haftar's forces to bomb Tripoli.
- These latest attacks are compiled with three other deadly attacks by the LNA which has resulted in the death of seven children in less than a month.

Petroleum Economist (10/22): [Libya's oil caught in the middle](#)

- An oil exploration venture involving BP and Eni of Italy has been delayed due to the ongoing crisis in Libya.
- This project, heralded as a return to exploration for International Oil Companies in Libya, now hangs in the balance due to instability.
- If there were a political negotiation, as is planned in Germany, it could potentially lead to peace, which would allow for economic exploration in a region that is oil-rich.

Libya Observer (10/19): [Human Rights Watch calls for holding Haftar responsible for "disregard for civilians' lives"](#)

- HRW has accused General Haftar of displaying disregard for civilian lives with indiscriminate attacks against civilians and civilian structures in Libya.
- The report calls for an independent investigation by the UN to hold Haftar responsible for the airstrikes in Tripoli.

ABC News (10/21): [Libya coast guard intercepts 126 Europe-bound migrants](#)

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- 126 Libyan's were intercepted by boat bound for Europe. The boat included 118 men, four women and four children.
- As the war continues in Libya, the country is emerging as a major transit point for migrants fleeing war and poverty to Europe.

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